

2018 -19 Victorian Triathlon Schools Shield



Overview

The 2018-19 **Victorian Triathlon Schools Shield** (Schools Shield) is awarded to schools based on results from the 2018-19 2XU Triathlon Series and the 2019 Victorian Schools Triathlon Championships. It is brought to you in partnership by Triathlon Victoria and Fairfax Events and Entertainment and has a key priority of growing triathlon participation amongst teenagers.

The Schools Shield competition covers Boys, Girls and Co-educational schools and the awards are presented at the Triathlon Victoria Awards breakfast at the end of the season.

In addition, there will be individual (podium medals at Junior, Intermediate and Senior categories) and a school trophy (boys, girls and co-educational) awarded at the Victorian Schools Triathlon Championships.

The events

The following events form the *Schools Shield*, and hence the maximum number of events is seven (7) comprising the six (6) 2XU Triathlon Series events and the Victorian Schools Triathlon Championships.

Date	Event
25/11/2018	2XU Triathlon Series - Elwood
9/12/2018	2XU Triathlon Series - Sandringham
13/01/2019	2XU Triathlon Series - St Kilda
3/02/2019	2XU Triathlon Series - Elwood
3/03/2019	Victorian Schools Triathlon Championships - Elwood
17/03/2019	2XU Triathlon Series - Portarlington
31/03/2019	2XU Triathlon Series - St Kilda

Eligibility

The **Victorian Triathlon Schools Shield** is open to all schools in Victoria and hence all students enrolled are eligible to accrue points for their school. There is no minimum number of students or events for an athlete/school to participate in to participate in the Schools Shield competition.

Schools Shield Categories

The categories for the *Schools Shield* are 12-13 years (Junior - Years 7&8), 14-15 years (Intermediate Years 9&10) and 16-19 years (Senior – Years 11&12). Entries to triathlons are taken on an age basis and calculated on the 31/12/2018 (2XU Triathlon Series events) and 31/12/2019 (Victorian Schools Triathlon Championships).

The category will determine the racing distance and may vary from event depending on the venue.



How it works

Points will be awarded at each event that forms part of the **Victorian Triathlon Schools Shield**;

- For individuals to be awarded points they must be enrolled at a school and record their school name at registration.
- Participation points will be awarded to the school for each competitor (one point) that participates at a *Schools Shield* event.
- Performance points will be awarded for each age category from 10 points for 1st, 9 points for 2nd down to 1 point for 10th place (*).
- Results from the Victorian Schools Triathlon Championships are awarded double points for both participation and performance points (i.e. 1st = 20 points, 2nd = 18 points, down to 10th = 2 points).

Schools Shield (School Champions)

The 2018-19 **Victorian Triathlon Schools Shield** title is awarded based on aggregate points from a schools' **best six results** from the nominated events. All schools are recognised for inclusion in the Schools Shield (includes government, private, catholic, etc.)

School Shields will be offered in the following:

- Boys
- Girls
- Co-educational*

*Note: Points from co-educational schools will be also recorded in the boys/girls aggregate standings and eligible for these awards.

Schools Shield category winners will also feature at Junior, Intermediate and Senior levels.

The school with the highest accumulated points total will also be provided with, and have the rights to use, the 2018-19 Schools Shield Champion logo in recognition of their achievement.

FAQ

Why were these races selected?

These races were selected to ensure a consistent and high quality racing experience.

Do I/my school need to compete in seven events to be eligible to win the Schools Shield Award?

*No. Whilst there are seven (7) events in the series you do NOT need to compete in seven (7) events to be eligible. The highest overall point score from a **maximum of six (6) events** will count towards a school's overall aggregate.*

What happens if I compete as part of a team?

All team entries are awarded 3 points regardless of the number of team members or the teams placing.

Do I need to notify which events I/my school is competing in?

No, Fairfax Events and Entertainment and Triathlon Victoria will ensure all students/schools are awarded points based on the information provided at the point of registration.

What if I can't find my school when I register for an event?

If your school has not been created in the system, search for 'Independent School' and select this option. Later in your registration you will be asked to type your school name and simply complete this field. If required, we will connect your entry with others from your school and/or once your school is created by a teacher.

How long after a race will the points tables be updated?

Fairfax Events and Entertainment and Triathlon Victoria will provide updated tables in:

- *Mid-December (following Race 2)*
- *Mid-February (following Race 4)*
- *Late March (prior to the final event in the series)*

If there is an issue with my result or placing who do I contact?

All results/timing issues go to Fairfax Events and Entertainment as the race director. Following release of the points tables (Dec, Feb, Mar) individuals/schools have 5 working days to make contact for any adjustments, after which the results are final.

What happens if an event is cancelled?

If an event is cancelled and unable to be rescheduled no points will be awarded.

Is there a fee for me/my school?

No, all Victorian schools and enrolled students are automatically included in the Schools Shield competition.

Can my school be recognised as an affiliated 'club'?

Yes, and this is a great option for schools that are racing regularly and looking to provide additional benefits to their students and teachers. The current offer for Victorian schools (which allows you to become an official affiliated body) describes all the benefits – [click here to find our more](#).

As a Triathlon Victoria/Australia member am I eligible for other awards?

Yes, all Triathlon Victoria/Australia members are eligible, and automatically included, in the Victorian Triathlon State Series and State Championships. To find out more about membership – [click here](#)

What if I/my school only wants to compete at the Victorian Schools Triathlon Championships? Is it beginner friendly?

The Victorian Schools Triathlon Championships are all about participation. Our motto is 'finish lines not finish times' and we welcome everyone to this celebration event of all that is great about multisport. To find out more – [click here](#)

